



U.S. Strategic Command Biography

Rear Admiral Thomas E. Ishee

Deputy Commander, JFCC-Global Strike

Rear Admiral Ishee serves as the Deputy Commander, JFCC-Global Strike, responsible for conducting strategic assurance, deterrence, and global strike operations by planning, synchronizing, and assessing day-to-day strategic deterrence activities for United States Strategic Command in support of global effects for the Department of Defense. Prior to this assignment, he served as the Executive Assistant to the Chief of Naval Operations.



A native of Danielsville, Georgia, Ishee graduated from the University of Georgia in 1987, where he majored in Mathematics and Computer Science. He was commissioned in 1988 after attending Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island. Ishee earned a Master of Science in Engineering degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin and a Master of Arts degree in Security Studies from the Air War College.

His early sea tours included assignments as a division officer, USS Narwhal (SSN 671) and USS Sea Devil (SSN 664); Engineer Officer, USS Tunny (SSN 682); and Executive Officer, USS La Jolla (SSN 701).

Ishee commanded USS Key West (SSN 722). While in command, the ship was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation, the U.S. Pacific Fleet Arleigh Burke Trophy, and Battle "E" Award. He also commanded Submarine Squadron 11, where he ensured the readiness of six fast attack submarines and oversaw the operations of three torpedo retrievers, a floating drydock and the Navy's submarine rescue systems.

Tours ashore included Assistant Professor of Naval Science at the University of Texas at Austin; Executive Officer of Moored Training Ship 626 (MTS 626); Executive Assistant to the Deputy Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet; Director of Intelligence and Special Operations for Commander, Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet; Director of Operations for Commander, Submarine Group 7 and Task Force 54/74; Senior Advisor to the Secretary of Defense for U.S. Pacific Command Plans; and Executive Assistant to the Chief of Naval Operations.

His personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (four awards), Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Navy Commendation Medal (three awards), and the Navy Achievement Medal.